



What is the Iowa Youth Congress?

The Iowa Youth Congress provides real experience in representative government and democracy. When you participate in the Iowa Youth Congress, you have the opportunity to lead and make your voice heard. To meet and discuss issues with state legislators. To see how government really works. To work with high school students from across Iowa.

Iowa schools with the highest minority population are invited to participate. 100 representatives and 100 alternates convene yearly in the Iowa House Chambers. They hold elections and propose, debate and pass three bills. Then a plan is created to present the bills to state lawmakers.

Take advantage of this chance to leave your mark, have an impact on the issues that matter most, and help change your community!

All meals and lodging are covered by the program!



Students participate in the 3rd Annual Session in the Iowa House Chamber, November 2008.



Save the Dates!

Regional Meetings

Regional meetings will be held in October to prepare for the annual Iowa Youth Congress.

October 17, 2009

9:00am-4:00pm: Des Moines and Central Iowa Regional Meeting
DMACC Urban Campus (Building 1, Rm 126), 1100 7th St, Des Moines, IA 50314

October 24, 2009

9:00am-4:00pm: Eastern and Western Iowa Regional Meetings
Eastern: Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Hall, Rm 343), 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Western: Western Iowa Tech, 11 N 35th St, Denison, IA 51442

Annual Event The 4th Annual Iowa Youth Congress Session will be held in the Iowa State Capitol House Chamber on November 13-14, 2009.

November 13, 2009

8:30am-4:30pm: Iowa Youth Congress Session
Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines
6:30pm-9:00pm: College Fair and Dream Forward Dinner
Embassy Suites on the River, 101 E Locust St., Des Moines 50309
9:00pm-11:00pm: Dance, Embassy Suites on the River

November 14, 2009

9:00am-2:00pm: Planning Session
Mercy College (Brennan Hall), 928 6th Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309

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